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Column One
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DEVELOPMENTS in Tunisia and Morocco are ugly; and tend to grow worse. They concern France directly and the whole world — its western part threateningly and its eastern part promisingly, no doubt — by implication. As a vivid and provocative example of what is sometimes called the "Arab awakening," they very closely concern Israel, which is itself a recent outcome of nationalist fervour, and which is the subject of envy and hostility in the "awakening," nationalistic, Arab minds that encompass it. Because of the first qualification it cannot be easy for the Government of Israel to oppose, or evade by abstention, the Asian proposals at U.N. designed to further Tunisian and Moroccan national interests. Because of the second qualification, Israel cannot lightly support in practice what she might well approve in principle.

THE discussions at U.N. must have worried Israel on yet another score. It was through the action of the international body that Israel's claim to independence was given formal validity. Today, Tunisia and Morocco, through their Asian friends are seeking U.N. intervention in their dispute with France for very much the same reason. But the difference is important. It was Britain, not the Jews or a group of friendly delegations taking the Jewish side in the conflict with Britain, which laid the matter in the lap of U.N. The France-North African problem is nothing like so straightforward as was the problem between the Mandatory Government of Palestine and the Jews; and the French Government is in no mood to pass on to international arbitration what she regards as a purely internal French issue.

WHETHER in fact the issue between France and her North African territories is purely internal, or capable of being defined as an international conflict and a threat to world peace, cannot be satisfactorily pronounced by U.N. itself. What seems an undoubted fact is that the attempt to get U.N. to intervene in such issues does little enough to settle the issue itself and a great deal to damage the authority of U.N., which is constantly being called upon to take decisions it cannot apply in practice. In such cases, the decision often lacks even the moral force that would be sufficient to justify, for example, the most recent resolution on Palestine, which calls upon Israel and her Arab neighbours to meet in direct peace negotiations. It lacks much moral support for the simple reason that its motive is largely propagandist and sometimes even mischievous.

THE fact remains that the French Government's determination to preserve Morocco and Tunisia as internal issues must come against certain reasonable limits. When internal issues of that kind get out of hand they cause a good deal of external nervousness and tend to create widespread instability. It may not in this instance by necessary to take seriously the recent Cairene calls to a *Jehad;* but it is desirable to take seriously the effects of the Tunisian and Moroccan events upon other Arab countries and upon the Moslem world as a whole. It would seem to be perfectly clear that in Tunisia and Morocco the situation is steadily worsening and has begun to provoke the Algerians into disorder. The rebellions — for they are little short of that — are highly organized and appear to have a regular base. Arrests, shootings, and banishments have only temporarily a quietening effect. Whether the issue comes legally within the meaning of the U.N. Charter or not it is an issue of extreme gravity; and countries outside the direct press of dispute have every right to be deeply concerned with it, especially those countries which desire to see French influence fully maintained throughout the Mediterranean.

EVIDENCE of the dispute between France and Tunisia, as of the dispute between France and Morocco indicates considerable mismanagement, inconsistency, and even worse; but it also indicates that the two problems are not insoluble. If France wishes also to keep them strictly internal she must be generous and imaginative as well as firm.

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LAVON AND BARKATT GOING TO RANGOON

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Mr. Pinhas Lavon, Minister without Portfolio, and Mr. Reuven Barkatt, of the Histadrut Executive Central Committee, will represent Mapai at the Asian Socialist Conference due to open in Rangoon next month. The third delegate has not yet been named.

Mapai, G.Z. Executives To Decide Tonight

A final meeting between negotiators of Mapai and the General Zionists for broadening the coalition took place in Tel Aviv last night. The agreement will be submitted tonight to respective meetings of the Mapai Council and the General Zionist Executive in Tel Aviv.

The negotiators were Messrs. P. Lavon, M. Namir, A. Gevrin and M. Argov, for Mapai, and Messrs. P. Bernstein, I. Rokach, Y. Serlin and H. Levanon, for the General Zionists.

According to the draft agreement, the Cabinet seats would be divided as follows: Mapai 2; General Zionists 4; Hapoel Hamizrahi 2; Progressives, 1.

This means that Mapai's representation in the Cabinet would be decreased by one. The religious parties would lose a seat, (there are now two Hapoel Hamizrahi and one Mizrahi), while the Progressives would get one place instead of two as previously agreed.

Mapai Leaders Confer

Mapai leaders, including members of the Cabinet, conferred yesterday in Jerusalem under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister.

There was no Cabinet meeting on account of the Hanukka holiday.

A caucus of the Hapoel Hamizrahi Knesset faction will be held in Tel Aviv this morning and a meeting will be held later between their leaders and the Prime Minister. The Mizrahi World Centre will meet in Tel Aviv at 3 p.m. this afternoon.

The Progressive Party, who were also involved in the negotiations, summoned their Party Executive for Thursday.

Army Listing U.S. Citizens in Service

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Army Headquarters is compiling a list of all U.S. citizens serving in the armed forces. On December 24, American nationals serving in foreign armies will lose their U.S. citizenship in accordance with provisions of the McCarran Act which becomes effective on that date.

Many American citizens have asked to be released from the Army to avoid loss of their nationality. A few score who applied to the U.S. Consulate for guidance were supplied by the consul with letters, addressed "To whom it may concern," endorsing their application for release.

Reports Denied

Reports that the U.S. authorities had applied for the release of some 50 Americans serving in the Israel Army were, however, denied by the Foreign Ministry.

Some Army units have declined to accept individual applications or endorsements, stating that the problem was being dealt with on a country-wide basis.

A Foreign Ministry source told *The POST* that each case would be judged on its merits. He indicated that all Reservists would be released. Official Army sources, however, said that the matter was still under consideration.

TWO SYRIAN BOATS TO BE RETURNED

Two Syrian boats which were caught during the past two weeks in Israel territorial waters by the coastal police, will be returned to the Syrian authorities within the next few days, an Army spokesman revealed last night.

The chairman of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission was informed of this by the head of the Israel delegation at a meeting of the Commission last Friday, who added, that the reason for the delay in returning the boats was purely technical. One of the boats had a load of flour belonging to UNWRA, the other was empty.

Ramallah Version Of Mt. Scopus Shooting

The Israel Army spokesman has denied any knowledge of a Radio Ramallah allegation last night that a Jewish force made an attack on Friday night on Arab Legion headquarters in the Sheikh Jarrah quarter of Jerusalem. According to the broadcast, four cars bringing arms down from Mt. Scopus tried to break through the Arab district on their return to the Jewish section of Jerusalem.

A two-hour fight is said to have taken place with the Arabs claiming to have captured a large number of weapons.

The broadcast implied that attempts were being made by the Israel Army to return arms from the demilitarized zone of Mt. Scopus for fear of U.N. inspection.

Rains Save Many Dunams of Crops

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Last night's torrential rains accompanied by thunder and lightning was a blessing to farmers. A Ministry of Agriculture spokesman said tonight that reports indicated that the rain came in time to save thousands of dunams of winter crops.

The largest quantity of rain recorded in the 24-hour period beginning at 8 a.m. yesterday was at Hakirya (36.2 mm.) and the lowest in Beersheba (4.3 mm.). There were sharp differences within a small area, so that the rainfall at Tel Aviv Port was seven mm. less than at the Hakirya three kilometres away.

The Jewish Agency reported that no harm was done to the crops. The slow movement in recent weeks from tents to wooden huts was suddenly speeding up today, as rain overcame the natural reluctance of *ma'abarot* dwellers to leave their canvas. Resistance to the change of dwellings has ceased altogether.

Difficulties are experienced in some cases where moving immigrants do not have the IL.180 required as a deposit for their new hut. This lack of funds was the cause of a demonstration of Ramle *ma'abara* residents in Ramle this morning.

By the end this month only 982 families will remain under canvas throughout the country. They are due to receive permanent houses shortly. Last year at this time there were 22,000 tents in *ma'abarot*.

C-o-L ALLOWANCES TO RISE IL.8

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The cost-of-living allowances are to rise at the end of this month by IL.8 following the increase of the cost-of-living index by 10 points in the past three months.

The index went up two points during November, bringing it to 178 points over the September 1951 base of 100. The index was 169 in September and 172 in October.

The quarterly agreement on the cost-of-living allowances, which would have been signed tomorrow, will be completed a few days later for technical reasons. No objections to the increase are expected from the Manufacturers' Association.

IMPORTS WILL BE COUNTED IN PORT

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A unit of the Central Bureau of Statistics and Economic Research has been established in Haifa Port to deal with export-import figures, it was learned here today. The separate statistical department of the Ministry of Finance has been abolished.

In future, statistical returns of imports will register the goods as they come in. In the past it was the practice to make a statistical entry only after the customs had been finally paid, although this meant a lag of several months, sometimes even years.

Customs estimates will now be checked on a calculating machine, recently installed by the Bureau. Speeding up of final clearings is expected to follow the innovation.

Shadow of Prague Trial Falls Over U.J.A. Meeting

By Israel Eal Louis
POST Correspondent

NEW YORK, Sunday. — The shadow of the Prague trial fell over the best-attended United Jewish Appeal Conference in recent years here. Delegates once again girded themselves to raise more money than ever to meet any eventuality.

Dr. Joseph Schwartz, Executive Director, said: "In 1951 we must do everything in our power to make ready and to be ready again to save lives."

Dr. G. Josephthal, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, called upon rulers behind the iron curtain to release the 2,500,000 Jews remaining in Eastern Europe, outside the Soviet Union. "Give us these Zionist, imperialist, stateless intellectual, petit-bourgeois cosmopolitans," he called out. He pledged to these voiceless Jews: "We shall never forget you. We shall shrink from no sacrifice to have you with us."

By the end of today's session, cheques totalling $1.3m. were handed in by the larger cities, bringing the end-of-year total to $72m., exactly 10 per cent less than last year.

The figure would have been higher if many communities, which collected five to 10 per cent less than last year in their joint campaigns, had not reduced their allocations to the UJA by 10 to 15 per cent.

The UJA's share of the local welfare campaigns which used to average nationally 62 to 70 per cent of the net collections after deduction of expenses, this year fell below 50 per cent in many important cities, which left them with only half the money raised went for local charities and community activities.

Mr. Henry Monsky, when he was U.J.A. Director, tried to solve this problem by using "the big stick" and Mr. Schwartz has tried using soft words. Both failed.

The only solution would appear to be increasing the Zionist strength in the communities, but according to a report by Mr. Sydney Marks, E.O.A. Secretary, the membership of the Zionist Organization of America on December 1 was 58,000, two per cent less than this time last year and 30 to 40 per cent less than four years ago.

$144m. Budget

About 1,200 leaders of Jewish communities throughout America, attending the three-day conference, heard details of the budget of $144,384,250 set for 1953 by the three agencies supported by the U.J.A. — the United Israel Appeal, the Joint and United Service for New Americans.

Mr. Edward Warburg, General Chairman, presiding, said, "Recent events in East Europe, affecting the status of Jews, and the spread of tension in the Moslem world, where Jews are traditionally an oppressed minority, come as a warning that American Jews must redouble their support of the U.J.A."

Polish Catholics Warned Off Politics

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — The Polish Roman Catholic Episcopate have issued a statement ordering clergy and laymen to stop using the Church for political activity, Warsaw Radio said today.

Pinay May Postpone Confidence Vote

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — Prime Minister Antoine Pinay, defeated in the National Assembly on Friday in a vote on a clause of the 1953 budget, may postpone until December 22 the confidence vote he tabled for next Tuesday, parliamentary circles said today.

German Pastor Urges End To Hatred at Peace Congress

VIENNA, Sunday. — A German pastor appealed to the "Peace Congress" here today for an end to hatred among peoples after Malay, Filipino and Colombian delegates had castigated the U.S. and Britain as "warmongers." Pastor Esser read a message from Pastor Niemoller, head of the Protestant Church in Hesse, West Germany, regretting his inability to attend.

Pastor Esser said the return to Germany of prisoners still held "in some countries" was necessary to assist reconciliation.

The North Korean delegate, Kun Yong Sung, opened the third day's session with a violent attack on U.S. troops in Korea. She said the Congress should appeal to American women to demand an end to the war.

Other delegates from Argentina, Greece and Austria, and a Moslem from Azerbaijan, charged the U.S. with "imperialism, enslaving the West European nations and preparing a third world war."

Last night, Ilja Ehrenburg, leading Russian "peace partisan," said, "To deprive the states of West Europe and Latin America of independence, the Washington rulers continually wave the scarecrow of Soviet aggression."

Press officers of the Congress reported that two Catholic priests, Hungarian delegates to the Congress, were not allowed to attend Mass in two leading churches here.

(Reuter, U.P.)

Bonn Envoy Returns to Cairo

FRANKFURT, Sunday (Reuter). — Dr. Gunther Pawelke, West German Ambassador to Cairo, left here today by air for Cairo after consultations on German-Arab tension over the West German-Israel restitution agreement.

Dr. Pawelke said he was convinced the difficulties would be overcome. He added that Chancellor Konrad Adenauer had shown great understanding of the difficulties.

Arab League to Confer On U.N. Resolution

CAIRO, Sunday (AP).—The Arab League Political Committee was summoned for an emergency meeting "soon" to prepare for the U.N. resolution concerning Palestine, it was officially announced last night.

A few days ago the U.N.'s Political Committee "adopted a resolution urging the Arab states and Israel to begin direct negotiations themselves on outstanding problems concerning Palestine. A government spokesman said the seven member states of the Arab League will file separately protests with Britain for her support of this resolution.

Nagib and Shishakly View Military Parade

CAIRO, Sunday. — Premier Nagib and Syria's Deputy Premier Adib Shishakly, two of the strongest military figures in the Arab world, today watched for two hours a big parade of Egyptian armed forces given in Col. Shishakly's honour.

More than 80,000 onlookers scrambled around "Liberty Square" and the roads through which the army paraded. Units representing all armed forces took part in the parade while planes of the Egyptian air force raged overhead, throwing out portraits of Nagib and Shishakly.

The parade climaxed a series of military and political talks reported to be of "paramount importance" between the two statesmen here this week-end. Diplomatic observers here believe the two men have formed a common front within the framework of the Arab League collective security pact.

This front, it is believed, is aimed at "neutralizing" Israel and strengthening the Arab bargaining in dealing with the Western powers on Middle East defence.

Shishakly, addressing the parade, said, "It is now time to strengthen our unity into an effective power that will push peace with our friendly and fight our enemies.

"Only a strong Arab family will be able to impose its policy and dictate its will in this strategic area of the world. We are nations that wish to live independently and to accept friendship with the nations of the world. We will not differentiate between different world powers unless this is dictated by the high interests of our nations."

(AP, Reuter)

German Police Raid Right Youth Meeting

FRANKFURT, Sunday (UP).—Police raided a meeting of the right-wing Association of German Youth in a cafe on the outskirts of Frankfurt today and arrested five members on charges of attending a political gathering armed with dangerous weapons.

Police said they found four loaded tear-gas pistols, several blackjacks, a pair of spiked knuckle-dusters and three portstroop type daggers, all concealed in the suspects' clothing.

EGYPTIAN MINISTER 'VISITS' ISRAEL

Mohammed Ali Sadek, Egyptian Minister to the Netherlands, and the uncle of ex-Queen Narriman, spent his third day aboard a Swedish ship in Israel territorial waters while awaiting its departure for Alexandria.

The Swedish ship Sirve anchored off Tel Aviv on Friday. When the authorities learned of the unexpected guest they provided a police guard and requested him to remain in his cabin as long as the boat was here. *(AP)*

YUGOSLAV MISSION ARRIVES IN INDIA

NEW DELHI, Sunday (Reuter) — A five-man Yugoslav mission led by Rodoljub Dolakovic, Federal Minister for Education, arrived here today. They were received at the airport by the Indian Deputy Minister of External Affairs.

M. Dolakovic said in a statement on his arrival that the similarity of efforts of the Indian and Yugoslav peoples "to ensure the universal development and progress of their countries as well as their common endeavours for preserving peace in the world, make a strong basis and create clear perspectives for lasting friendship and cooperation in political, economic and cultural fields between our two countries."

NATO Will Revise Policy as Danger Of War Lessens

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter).—More than 60 Cabinet Ministers of the North Atlantic alliance meet here tomorrow to approve a reassessment of Soviet policy that says there is less likelihood of early war between East and West.

This is the main item on a 10-point agenda facing the 14-nation North Atlantic Council of Foreign, Defence and Finance Ministers at its 10th session here this week. The meeting is expected to last four days.

The revised concept of Soviet intentions is based on an appreciation drawn up by the British Cabinet under Prime Minister Winston Churchill earlier this year. It envisages a continuation of the cold war for at least 10 years "but says the growing superiority of Allied arms, especially in the atomic field, has made the prospect of an early hot war much less likely.

Lord Ismay, Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, declared this evening, on the eve of the meeting of NATO states Foreign and Defence Ministers, that the "urgency" to rearm was as acute as ever and that the Western alliance was still relying on a German troop contribution through the European Army plan.

Lord Ismay told a press conference that the programme to build 35 additional airfields, marked urgent by military leaders, might not be approved by the Council of Ministers.

Makki Attacks U.S. Policy; Deputy Reports Soviet Spy Ring

TEHERAN, Sunday. — National Front leader Hussein Makki, recently returned from the U.S., strongly attacked American policy today as being hostile to Iran.

Acheson Will Not Comment on Charges

PARIS, Sunday (AP). — Mr. Michael McDermott, State Department press chief, said tonight that Secretary of State Dean Acheson would make no comment on Makki's charges before the Iranian Majlis.

Comparing the foreign policy of Secretary of State Dean Acheson with Britain's policy towards Iran, Makki said in the Majlis that while he was in the U.S., Texas oil men informed him the State Department planned to operate the Abadan refinery when Ghavam es Sultaneh succeeded Mohammed Mossadegh as Premier. He said that as soon as Ghavam fell after remaining in office for a day, and Mossadegh was reinstated, the plan was abandoned.

Meanwhile, following press reports that Makki would produce documents in the Majlis to "prove" the U.S. was involved in the July 21 riots which installed Ghavam in office, the U.S. Embassy here issued a communique which said: "Any documents purporting to prove the allegations can only be spurious."

Makki called on the Majlis to honour fallen victims in Tunis, Morocco and South Africa, and deputies stood up to observe a minute's silence. He said the Iranian Government must adopt a policy of absolute neutrality and continue backing the peoples of Asia and Africa, still subjected to colonization. He strongly attacked French policy in North Africa, saying France was trampling on the principles of freedom born of the French Revolution.

Hassan Zeitzaghari, a Deputy from Zanjan, today demanded the Canadian Sea Gulf-Arter, jointly operated by Iran and the USSR under a 25-year concession agreement, as "an espionage, sabotage and agitation centre," threatening Iranian independence.

In a defiant address to the Majlis, Zeitzaghari, who is leader of a tribe of the same, said he was probably endangering his life by revealing the secrets of the Soviet espionage agitation programme in Iran but proceeded to read the names of Russians who he said were directing these activities.

He charged that fishery accounts were forged to finance Tudeh activities and asserted that top officials were actually importing weapons in boxes used for fish.

The fisheries agreement is scheduled to end next month, but so far no steps have been taken to determine whether it be renewed or the industry be nationalized — a widely advocated move. A commission appointed to negotiate with the Russians has not yet acted, reportedly awaiting the return of Soviet Ambassador Ivan Sadtchikov, who has been in Moscow for the past five months. (UP, AP, AFP)

Arabs, Asians Seek Support on Morocco

NEW YORK, Sunday. — The Arab-Asian bloc today began intensive lobbying in the U.N. for Latin-American cooperation and support in its campaign for greater Moroccan self-rule.

Against a background of violent clashes and bloodshed in Morocco, the Asian-Arab bloc decided to seek Latin-American views before writing a resolution on the issue. Asian sources indicated the bloc wanted a stronger resolution than the Latin-American proposal on Tunisia which was approved in the Political Committee on Friday — a mild appeal to France to negotiate with Tunisia on self-government.

The Main Political Committee began its debate yesterday on Moroccan demands for increased home rule.

The Lebanese delegate, Jamil Makaui, introduced the French protectorate's case and said it was the duty of the U.N. to break the deadlock "which the unilateral rule of the French" had brought about. He said the Arab-Asian bloc would introduce a draft resolution on the subject.

They are expected to urge the creation of a Good Offices commission to promote direct French-Moroccan negotiations in spite of the fact that a similar resolution on Tunisia was rejected by the Committee on Friday. The Latin-Americans are expected to submit a resolution urging direct talks without U.N. intervention. Their resolution on Tunisia to this effect was accepted by the Committee.

France is maintaining her boycott of U.N. committees dealing with affairs in her protectorates, holding them to be her own internal affair.

The U.N. Assembly voices what is scheduled to be the last week of its present session tomorrow but delegates expect to be called back to a resumption of the debates early next year.

One proposal canvassed in the lobbies is that Assembly sessions should be held in the spring instead of in the autumn beginning with next year. This would avoid the clash with American elections which are held in November. *(AP, UP, Reuter)*

LABOUR TALKS

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter).—British Socialist leaders tonight ended two days of policy-making without disclosing whether the f:::d between Bevanites and the rest is healed.

But Party Secretary Morgan Phillips announced that the 27-member executive had agreed unanimously on the need for a new economic policy.

Finletter Opposes Air Raids over Manchuria

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuter). — Secretary of the Air Force Thomas Finletter said last night that to send strategic bombers beyond the Yalu river boundary of North Korea and Manchuria "would be bombing the wrong place."

"It also would run the sharp risk of leading an exasperated world into an all-out war," he said.

Mr. Finletter's comments were made in an address prepared for delivery to a lawyers association here. He made no direct reference to Gen. Eisenhower's trip. Nor did he mention the forthcoming meeting between the President-elect and General Douglas MacArthur, who has expressed confidence that there is a clear and definite solution to the Korean stalemate.

On the question of bombing beyond Korea Mr. Finletter said, "the decision of 1950, to limit bombing to North Korea, is, I believe, right. There is no point in bombing the wrong place. The real source of Chinese Communist strength in planes, guns, tanks, ammunition and other war materials is not in China.

"I doubt if the Communists will challenge our air superiority over our own lines unless we send there the new Russian twin-engined jet light bomber of which the IL-28 has been publicly announced as a type. This plane has the range — which the MIG has not — to fly from China and fight a long time over our U.N. lines and even deeper south.

"The trouble is that if we did bomb over the Yalu river the Communists would just move further back and we would not be any better off. In fact we would be worse off, because we would have to fly further than we do now to hit our targets.

"But the point is not that. The point is that once we start bombing over the Yalu we will not only lose our own sanctuary (because the Communists have not bombed our own lines or even troops) but we would almost certainly be leading an exasperated world into an all-out war."

Deeds Can Speed End To Korea War—Ike

NEW YORK, Sunday. — President-elect Eisenhower returned from Korea today confident that a solution to the war could be "speeded up" if the U.S. used deeds instead of words to "induce" the Communists to want peace.

He declared that his visit marked "not the end, but the beginning, of a new effort" to secure an honourable end to the fighting there.

"I return with renewed confidence that a satisfactory solution in Korea can be speeded," he said. But a solution would demand common sense, care, foresight and patience.

"I believe that the architects of aggression can be made to realize that it would be fateful folly to ignore other conflagrations like the Korean conflict elsewhere in the world" he declared. *(UP, Reuter)*

61 MILLION VOTES

WASHINGTON, Sunday (UP). — The total number of votes cast in the election on November 4 was 61,538,325, of which 33,928,295 were for Eisenhower (30 States, 442 Electoral Votes) and 27,512,317 for Stevenson (9 States, 89 Electoral Votes).

Allied Fire Crushes Chinese Onslaught

SEOUL, Sunday (Reuter). — Massive Allied fire today crushed a Chinese counter-attack on embattled Little Nori peak on the Korea front before it started.

South Koreans on the hill heard an estimated 300 Chinese prepare for the attack. A short, savage barrage roared overhead and the Chinese wilted before they had got near the Allied positions.

The 8th Army said U.N. troops also had driven off two attacks of estimated platoon strength at Sniper Ridge, on the western central front, after a battle that raged for two hours.

Fourteen B-29 Superfortresses droned out during the night from the Pacific island of Okinawa and plastered the Uiji communications centre on the Manchurian Yalu River border, the Far East Air Force announced.

The target, some 2m. square metres in area, contained 920 supply buildings, a textile mill, a vehicle repair factory and an anti-aircraft school headquarters.

Japan Faces Economic Chaos

TOKYO, Sunday (Reuter). — Japan today faced chaos, reminiscent of the dark days after her world war surrender, as nation-wide strikes disrupted daily life.

Power, coal and communications strikes and ceaseless campaigns for more pay have forced a 30 per cent cut in train services, thrown industry into confusion, tied up domestic shipping and slowed down telephone and telegraph services. Large fires, started by candles used as emergency lighting, have swept through many wooden buildings.

The Liberal government is facing a major political crisis caused by the revolt of the "old guard" faction of the Party led by Ichiro Hatoyama which has said that it does not intend to take any immediate action to end the strikes.

Newspapers are complaining that the country is collapsing while the government "indulges in a family squabble," a renewal of a personal feud between Hatoyama and Prime Minister Yoshida.

It is believed that the government might fall in a week or two.

ARRESTS IN MOROCCO, SENTENCES IN TUNIS

RABAT, Sunday. — Four members of the Moroccan Communist Party were arrested here last night, a French press agency dispatch said.

No other incidents were reported in Morocco today as the French Resident General in Morocco, Gen. Guillaume, left Casablanca for Paris.

In Tunis, the French military tribunal last night sentenced three Tunisians to death for terrorist activity-minor acts of sabotage. The three men, whose names were not announced, were members of a band of eight terrorists who bombed the post office at Fahs recently.

(Reuter, UP)

French Planes Strike Near Chinese Border

SAIGON, Sunday (UP). — Reaction-carrying French land and carrier based aircraft struck at the pro-Communist Vietminh forces today near the border of People's China.

On the Day river, south-east of Hanoi, naval planes parties destroyed 22 supply barges, Vietminh sampans and captured 30 other lighter boats.

MEET YOUR FRIENDS IN
La Petite Regence
King David Hotel
Jerusalem

Social & Personal

The Rector of the Hebrew University and Mrs. B. Mazar gave a reception at their home in Jerusalem for the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi on Saturday evening. Among those present were the Minister of Education, Prof. B. Dinaburg, Mr. W. Kramer, Cultural Attaché of the U.S. Embassy in Israel, Sir Leon Simon, members of the Hebrew University administration and Deans of the Faculties, Prof. M. Buber, Dr. Kalman J. Mann, Director of the Hadassah Medical Organization, and Prof. Nahum Slouschz.

Mr. Bruce McDaniel, T.C.A. Administrator in Israel, spent a combined fishing and business weekend in Eilath, accompanied by Mr. Arthur R. Hudson, T.C.A. Public Relations Officer. Mr. McDaniel visited the five adobe houses which are being constructed for T.C.A. by Solel Boneh and paid a short visit to the Se'elim copper mines.

Mr. C. W. Gerstel, General Manager of ICOA Israel Corporation, an American subsidiary of the Pittston Components Corp., U.S.A., left for Europe and the U.S. in connection with purchases of additional raw materials for Israel's industry.

Mr. Theodor H. Cook, of Philadelphia, Secretary of the B'nai B'rith District Grand Lodge No. 3 comprising New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and West Virginia, has arrived on a short visit to Israel.

An exhibition of 100 works by Mrs. Ilana Shafir, Mr. Yosef Yisraeli (Priesman), and Mr. Shmuel Tepicher, three Migdal Ameilim painters, was opened in Migdal Ameilim yesterday.

A special Hanukka dance will be held tonight in the new bar of the Ramat Aviv Hotel, Tel Aviv.

BIRTH

APELBOM—to Miriam, nee Kaufman, wife of A. M. Apelbom, on Dec. 13, 1952, at the Assuta Hospital—a daughter, Dorith.

MARRIAGE

FEIGER—AKKERMAN

The marriage took place on Sunday, December 14, 1952, of Baruch Feiger, of Tel Aviv, and Rachel Akerman, of Ramat Gan.

BEN YEHUDA MEMORIAL

The 30th anniversary of the death of Eliezer Ben Yehuda was observed yesterday in Jerusalem at Ratisbonne Hall with two lectures devoted to the life and work of the philologist.

Prof. Y. Klausner discussed Prof. Ben Yehuda's contribution to the development of Hebrew, while Dr. Z. Ben Haim spoke on problems associated with the rebirth of the language. The Rector of the Hebrew University, Prof. B. Mazar, acted as chairman of the meeting.

CASSUTO MEMORIAL MEETING HELD

A large audience gathered one evening last week at the Ratisbonne Building in Jerusalem to commemorate the first anniversary of the death of the late Dr. U. Cassuto, Magnes Professor at the Hebrew University. The gathering was held under the auspices of the University, the Hebrew Language Academy, the Israel Exploration Society and the Bialik Institute of the Jewish Agency.

Professor B. Mazar, Rector of the University, paid tribute to Professor Cassuto as a scholar of great eminence, whose researches and publications had ranged over a wide field of Jewish learning and related subjects. His outstanding commentaries on the Bible had taken due account of the influence of the ancient cultures of Palestine and the neighbouring countries. He had also done distinguished work as a historian of the Jewish people and of Italian Jewry in particular, as well as in the field of Semitic philology.

Mr. S. Yeivin spoke on the "Phoenician Inscription of Karatepe," and Dr. L.L. Seeligmann, on "Aspects of the History of Prophecy."

Haifa's Voluntary Fire Brigade Fighting Inadequate Budget

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Haifa's Voluntary Fire Brigade is in danger. Undaunted by 30 years of fires and floods, locked-out residents, and tree-entwining kittens, financial difficulties have brought the Brigade low. The chairman of its management, Mr. Y. Carmi, warned last week, that if the Municipality would not take over the Brigade, or at least double the IL.1,000 monthly contribution to its budget, the Brigade would have to close down.

The Brigade was founded as much to serve as legal cover for Haganah training as for fire fighting purposes. Thousands of men were taught arms drill, and other Haganah security jobs, while also learning fire and flood fighting techniques in Mandate times.

Immediately after the State was declared, Mr. Carmi asked the Municipality to take over the Brigade, which would continue to use volunteer crews and accept voluntary contributions. The Municipality hesitated over the annexation, although the Brigade owned property worth thousands of pounds, because its expenses amounted to IL.40-50,000 annually, whereas at present the Municipality allocates only IL.12,000.

The point has now been reached where all the Brigade's money reserves have been used up, and cash is urgently needed for repairs and replacements. Of its four engines, one is immobilised for lack of IL.1-2,000 needed for repairs. If another engine should break down, it too would join its redcoated and now useless fellow in the garage. The Brigade still has a permanent staff of only 16 men, five fire officers, three "non commissionals," and eight firemen and drivers, in a town that has meanwhile grown three-or four-fold. The wage bill for the staff has increased six-fold, while contributions have only doubled. There is still no fire station in the Haifa Bay area, sometimes causing the Brigade to come just too late. The Manufacturers' Association which represents millions of pounds of industrial property in the Bay, which the Brigade safeguards, has not made any contributions to its funds. The largest contribution from any one enterprise was IL.50.

Answers Dozens of Calls

Every day the Brigade answers dozens of call's, each costing IL.12. Field fires, the most dangerous of all, are the most unpopular because it was next to impossible to collect expenses for extinguishing them. By one admits to ownership once the fire is out, and last month the Custodian of Abandoned Property refused to refund the Brigade's expenses for fighting a large fire, because, as he did not call one, "Yet," Mr. Carmi wistfully pointed out, "had we asked questions first, damage would have been irreparable." There is no yet no law in the country to enforce the refunding of these expenses.

Last year, the Brigade answered 1,154 calls, including 181 outside Haifa, mostly for every, 14 false calls, 113 calls to open doors. At the height of the floods, the Brigade answered 74 emergency calls in six days working round the clock in as many as five places at a time in an area stretching from Hahava Ve'ivrit to Wadi Ara.

Thanks to the Brigade's prompt action, fire damage was kept down to IL.350,000 last year. Of this IL.200,000 damage was caused in one single fire, when the flour mill in the Haifa Bay area was razed. Because there is no station in the area, the Brigade managed to arrive only when the mill was completely ablaze already. With a little foresight and for a fraction of the money lost in that one fire, a station could have been established. At the Jewish Agency timberstores, where IL.2m. worth of wood is stored, a fire broke out some months ago, but damage totalled only IL.50,000. Had the Brigade not fought the blaze millions would undoubtedly have been lost.

Besides actual fire-fighting the Brigade holds several fire prevention lectures and one of the Army Reserve who are taught everything from elementary fire drill to handling complicated equipment. The Army also sends men to be trained, and 16 members of agricultural settlements were trained by the Brigade in fire-fighting for the Ministry of Agriculture. In Government employees, it's work to handle equipment available in their offices until the Brigade arrives. In cooperation with the Labour Ministry the Brigade is also training workers in fire prevention and fighting. Last year the Brigade's lonely advocacy led to the passing of a law relating to fire precautions for the country, but to date disappointment it has not yet been tabled.

Brigade's Equipment

The Brigade owns four big fire engines, including one recently bought in Britain which is the very last word in fire-engines. A fire-jeep, useful for field work, and several self propelled pumps, trailer pumps and other equipment. Its 1,200m. of fire hose are in bad shape, and 2,000m. of new hose is an urgent necessity. Besides the staff, 180 volunteer firemen, organized into two groups work with the Brigade. Each man does two nights of firewatching monthly, and is on call at any time he is needed. They are usually called out to act as relief crews during big fires. A tender collects them from their home or work, assembling a complete crew within five minutes. The volunteers also do the annual house to house collections.

The Brigade's IL.50,000 budget is partly covered by IL.5,000 expense refunds; IL.10,000 yearly contribution from residents; IL.10,000 from the Municipality, and IL.4,000 it earns from the fire equipment that the men manufacture when they are not actually fighting fires. It is the IL.14,000-17,000 deficit, which may make all the difference between a safe and an unsafe town, that the public is expected to cover in the Brigade's traditional Hanukka drive that is about to begin. The Brigade has not failed the town, as the small fire damage testifies — it is now up to the town to play its part.

REVIEW OF YESTERDAY'S EDITORIALS

Arabs Will Probably Sabotage U.N. Decision on Negotiations

Welcoming the decision of the U.N. Political Committee calling for direct peace negotiations between Israel and the Arab countries, "Hatnufa" (Hapoel Hamizrahi) says that this is an important political move though the Arabs will most probably successfully sabotage the decision.

Analyzing the Soviet attitude, the editorial says that the Eastern representatives abstained from voting and put the main stress in their explanations on "Arab interests" and this policy appears as a logical sequence to their anti-Jewish, anti-Israel line. The decision has yet to pass the vote in the General Assembly, and even this will only be the very beginning. We know that the Arab representatives exploit every opportunity of not making peace with Israel, and the support of the Asian bloc as well as the abstention of the Soviet bloc opens new possibilities for them. Even so there is some chance that the present decision might become a turning point in Israel-Arab relations.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) says that the "keys are in Washington." The Israel public of course welcomes this latest diplomatic achievement, but will assume real importance only if the U.S. attitude towards Israel takes into consideration her position as the outpost of democracy on the Eastern shores of the Mediterranean.

Hanukka is the subject of leading articles in "Davar" (Histadrut) and "Herut" while "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) continues its recent tradition of carrying no editorial at all.

'Kol Ha'am' Attacks Mapam

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) publishes a number of violent attacks against Mapam, because of its refusal to identify itself wholeheartedly with the Prague trial and the new trend in Cominform policy.

The paper also published a report by Mr. S. Mikunis on his recent visit to the Soviet Union. Mr. Mikunis said that there cannot be the slightest doubt that Mr. M. Oren became an agent of the Intelligence service in 1936 as he himself had admitted. He declared moreover that he renewed his activities as a spy in London in 1948 when he established contact with Messrs. Morrison and Zilliacus. Mr. Mikunis stated that he was together with Oren in London in 1946, but that he (Mikunis) did not at that time become a spy.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) reports in its headlines mass arrests of Jews in Warsaw including V. Lots, the former Polish Consul in Israel and many other prominent personalities.

Most of "Davar's" second page is dedicated to two articles calling Mapam youth not to persist in their mistaken beliefs.

"Al Hamishmar" announces that an agreement in principle has been reached between Mapai and the General Zionists about their position in the coalition. "Davar" is less outspoken and reports that the conditions will be only fixed during this week and "Haboker" expresses a similar opinion.

Agudа Is Unhappy

"Hamodia" (Agudat Israel) is not overjoyed at this prospect and accuses its religious comrades from Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrahi of having deserted Agudа. Hapoel Hamizrahi will now become a very junior partner in the Government coalition and they would do better to join Agudа in the opposition.

"Haboker" deals with what it believes are the implications of the "Abraham Granot" affair. The paper admits that this might be indeed a pathological case, but it points to a much broader problem, the issue of the many youngsters who leave this country because they cannot find their place here. This the paper attributes to the fact that we do not exploit the human material at our disposal, that dilettantes take over key positions, and that a bus driver for instance commands a higher salary than a cabinet minister.

GOLD, DOLLAR SURPLUS

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — The sterling area had a gold and dollar surplus of $128m. during November, the Treasury announced here recently.

Michigan State, Georgia Tech Each Provide 2 All-Americans

NEW YORK, (AP). — Michigan State and Georgia Tech, the two major undefeated college football teams of 1952, each placed two men on the Associated Press All-America squad based on the recommendations of eight regional boards of experts comprising well-known sports writers and sportscasters.

The Southeastern Conference led with five men on the two first teams, offensive and defensive, followed by the Big Ten with four and the Pacific Coast Conference with three.

The A.P.'s all-star offensive backfield is composed of Billy Vessels, Oklahoma; Paul Giel, Minnesota; Don Heinrich, Washington, and Jack Scarbath, Maryland.

There were only two men on the first teams who previously made the All-America—Marvin Matuszak, Tulsa, at guard; and Heinrich, who was on the 1950 team but was sidelined last year by injuries.

Michigan State, the national champion, is represented by two stalwarts of its defensive unit—Frank Kush, guard, and Dick Tamburo, linebacker. Georgia Tech, the runner-up, placed Pete Brown at center on the offensive team and Bobby Moorhead in the defensive backfield.

The A.P. All-America is based on reports and recommendations through the final games of Nov. 29.

1953 Trends

The football trends of 1952 were clear cut: major teams used more and more players, with the result that standout personalities became rarer; the fumble as abused by fancy ball handling and sharp tackling became more decisive than ever in big games; the NCAA's television programme, restricting national video to one big game each week with some minor exceptions, held firm, but there were rumbles of dissension, and the offence took over more completely than ever from defence.

As usual there was a host of good backs clamouring for attention. Among those who barely missed the first team were Paul Cameron, of UCLA; Alan Ameche, of Wisconsin; Ed Modzelewski, of William and Mary; Gene Filipski, of Villanova; Andy Kozar, of Tennessee; Eddie Crowder, of Oklahoma; Ted Marchibroda, of Detriot; Charles Maloy, of Holy Cross; Don McAuliffe, of Michigan State; Leon Hardeman, of Georgia Tech; Howard Waugh, of Tulsa; Johnny Olszewski, of California; Mitch Price, of Columbia, and Bobby Marlow, of Alabama.

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OFFENSIVE TEAM

Position	Player and College
End	Tom Scott, Virginia
End	Frank McPhee, Princet.
Tackle	Kline Gilbert, Miss.
Tackle	David Suminsky, Wis.
Guard	John Michels, Tenn.
Guard	M. Matuszak, Tulsa
Centre	P. Brown, Georgia T.
Back	Billy Vessels, Okla.
Back	Paul Giel, Minnesota
Back	Don Heinrich, Wash.
Back	Jack Scarbath, Md.

DEFENSIVE TEAM

End	Don Branby, Colorado
End	Tom Scott, Virginia
Tackle	J.D. Kimmel, Houston
Tackle	Charlie Lagrade, Fla.
Guard	Frank Kush, Mich. St.
Guard	Steve Eisenhauer, Navy
Linebacker	R. Tamburo, Mich. St.
Linebacker	Dom Moseaar, UCLA
Back	Jim Sears, South. Cal.
Back	J. Lattner, Notre Dame
Back	Bob Moorhead, Ga. T.

Billy Knight, 16-year-old tennis discovery, in five hours on the famous Wimbledon courts, won the British Boy's singles championship by defeating holder, Bob Wilson, in three sets, then paired with Wilson to gain the boy's doubles in three sets, and afterwards joined Valiente Pitt, the girl champion, to add the junior mixed doubles to his bag.

Saturday's British Soccer Results

ENGLISH LEAGUE: DIV. 1: Burnley 1, Arsenal 1; Cardiff C. 4, Sunderland 1; Liverpool 1, Man. U. 2; Man. C. 4, Chelsea 0; Middlesbro' 5, Portsm'th 2; Newcastle U. 3, Aston V. 1; Preston N.E. 3, Derby C. 0; Sheff. W. 1, Wolves 3; Tottenham 5, Blackpool 0; Tottenham 5, Carlton 0; W. Bromwich 0, Bolton W. 1. DIV. II: Birmingham 3, Bradford 1; Bury 0, Everton 0; Fulham 3, Barnsley 1; Leeds U. 5, Swansea T. 1; Leicester 3, Hull C. 0; Luton T. 1, Doncaster R. 2; Notts. C. 1, Blackburn 0; Plymouth 3, Sheff. U. 0; Rotherham 3, Sheff. W. 0; S'hampton 3, Notts. F. 2; West Ham U. 3, Lincoln C. 1; DIV. III (S): Aldershot 1, Ipswich 1; Bris. R. 1, Crystal P. 0; Colchester 4, Leyton O. 1; Coventry C. 7, Torquay U. 1; Exeter 1, Brtn. C. 1; Gillingham 1, Brighton 2; Millwall 5, Newport C. 0; Norwich 3, W'hampton 0; O.P.R. 3, Shrewsb'ry T. 1; Southend 2, Reading 0; Southport 1, Swindon T. 3; Walsall 6, Watford 0. DIV. III (N): Accrington 3, 1, Gateshd 1; Barrow 4, Chester 0; Bradford 1, Stockport C. 1; Chesterfd 4, Carlisle 0; Grimsby T. 1, Port V. 1; Halifax 3, Darlington 1; Mansf'd 7, Rotherh'm 0; Oldham A. 1, Rochdl C. 0; Tranmere 1, Southport 1; Workington 1, Hartlep'ls 1; Wrexham 3, Scunthorpe 0; York C. 1, Crewe A. 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: DIV. A: Aberdeen 1, Clyde 2; Celtic 3, Dundee 0; Hearts 2, Rangers 2; Motherwell 3, Falkirk 1; Partick 1, Hibs. 0; Raith R. 2, Qeen o Sth. 1; St. Johnst'n 1, Pths 1; Th. League 3, Airdrie 1. DIV. B: Albion R. 1, Queens Pk. 1; Alloa 1, Morton 6; Ashrouth 1, Kilmarnock 3; Ayr U. 1, Dumbarnlne 1; Cowdenb'th 3, St. Johnstone 1; Dundee U. 4, Forfar 1; Stenh'emuir 4, Hamilton Ac.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Australian Tour — Third Test: England 9pts. Australia 27 pts.

BOXING SHOW FOR BEERSHEBA

The Israel Boxing Association, of the Israel Amateur Sports Federation, have arranged a number of boxing tournaments. A show is to be put on in Hadera on December 19 with all sports organizations entering "pugs"; Tel Aviv Hapoel and Tel Aviv Betar men are to fight it out in a Beersheba; while two Maccabi clubs, Bet Lidd and Haifa, are to put on a show in the North.

SPARTAK DUE IN ISRAEL SOON

The Yugoslav Spartak soccer side currently on tour in Turkey, have accepted an invitation from Tel Aviv Maccabi to include Israel at the end of their Middle East tour schedule.

Agreement was reached by telegram, but dates and details are still to be settled by correspondence. The proposals is being arranged by the Tel Aviv and Haifa Maccabi clubs.

According to latest information, Spartak should be playing within the next few days in Turkey; they are due to upset their schedule in Syria on December 14. — Monday next and in Cyprus on December 18. They are expected to arrive in Israel on or about December 20.

Bob McIntyre, 23-year-old Glasgow mechanic, riding a 350 cc. A.J.S., won the 226.4 mile All-Amateur Junior Manx Prix motor-cycle race at Douglas (Isle of Man), at an average speed of 69.75 m.p.h.

Jerusalem to Spend IL.80,000 on Baths

An allocation of IL.80,000 for the construction and repair of ritual baths in Jerusalem was approved at the recent weekly meeting of the Municipal Council.

Repairs to existing baths will cost IL.20,000 while new ones will be in various outlying communities and settlements.

Declaring that the city's financial situation continued to be "desperate," Mayor Y. Kariv announced that little could be done to repair a large number of buildings in a serious state of disrepair unless the Government helped. He disclosed that a request for IL.30,000 had been made.

The Council also elected Mr. A. Koch, General Zionist Councillor, to head the 21-member elections committee which will supervise the municipal election next November.

The zoning status of the Givat Shaul quarter was altered from industrial to residential, except in that part where factories already exist. A special committee will seek another industrial zone.

J.N.F. Leases Land For Sugar Cane

The first step toward the setting up of a sugar industry in Israel was taken recently when the Jewish National Fund leased an area of 2,000 dunams near Jiftelik, in the south of the country, to Mr. Zvi Fishman, an American investor, to cultivate sugar cane in the area.

Mr. Fishman, who left Palestine 25 years ago, owns large tracts of land under sugar, as well as a refining factory, in Columbia.

Car Confiscation Will Not Be Investigated

POST Legal Correspondent

The High Court recently ruled that it would not investigate the confiscation of three cars by the Government, because the application to the Court had been submitted too late.

The petitioner, Mrs. H. Teherny, had immigrated from Europe in 1949, where she had been in a concentration camp. Two years later, three cars she had brought as a capital transfer were confiscated.

The Court stated that if Mrs. Teherny had begun action immediately, it might have issued an order to examine the legality of the confiscation. The Court admitted that according to the interpretation given by Customs officials to the term "personal belongings," it included cars brought to Israel as capital transfer. This is not explicitly stated in the law, the Court stated.

In view of the unusual circumstances of the case, the Court recommended reconsideration.

Justices Olshan, Silberg and Zeltner sat on the Bench. Dr. A. Gross represented the applicant.

Smallpox in Jordan

Five cases of smallpox have been discovered among school children in the Old City and another three in Amman, "A-Diffa," the Old City daily, reports.

Physicians responsible for health in these schools said the children had not been inoculated owing to a shortage of vaccine.

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Where to go

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9-4: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo Reserve. Sun 11: Feeding time 2-3 p.m.
8.30-12.30: 2-5: American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Hanevi Road. Entrance Free.
9-1; 2-5: Exhibition: Hanukka League, New Acquisitions, Visual Magic. Exhibition on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of his birth. Contemporary French Works of Art, generously donated by artists and collectors of France, and other current acquisitions and gifts. Exhibit of the Schools Inspectorate of an Arrangement of an Album 1850 by David Rychgora, 1833-1902. New acquisition of the National Museum. Bezalel.
10-1; 4-6: Exhibition: UNESCO's Human Rights, Artists' House.
9-6: Archaeological Exhibition, Dept. of Antiquities, Also Temporary exhibition of Recent acquisitions in Rubber Stamps Museum.
10-5: Sculpture Tombs.
11.30-12.30: Film Show at Keren Hayesod Head Office.

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10-5: National Exhibition, over 200 pictures lent all over the country participating. Ideron.
9-1, 4-7: Israel Fine Woodcuts and Drawings, Bet Ha'am Ave Shop, 12 Rehov Ben Yehuda.

HAIFA

6-7 p.m.: Exhibition of Paintings by Colo-Stella, Artists' House, 27 Rehov HNO (opp. Carmelia Court).

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8.30 p.m.: Li-La-Lo, Wonderful Revue, "It Will be Good." Ramz Hall.

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8 p.m.: "The Women Have Their Own Way," Chamber Theatre Beth Ha'am Hall.

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6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Mothers' Day Programme. 7.50 Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down.

12.30 p.m. Music While You Work (R). 11.00 Requests (R). 11.45 Music (R). 12.02 Popular Love Drawing (Hacy Cinema, Jerusalem). 1.30 Interlude. 1.35 Programme Announcements. 1.45 Break for Music (R). 2.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Variety (R). 4.30 Musical Miniatures (R). 5.00 Ballad: Alexander Schreiber & Moshe Lustig. 5.30 Child's Corner. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Lighting of Hanukka Candles. 7.07 Programme Announcements. 7.10 Kol Yisrael Orchestra Conductor Hanan Schlesinger Overture, "The Mastersinger" (Richard Wagner); "Rustres Dance" (Kountakoudy); Selection of Hanukka Tunes (Holdengraeber). 7.45 Talk. 8.00 "Words & Tunes". 8.30 Bible Reading. 8.45 Answers to Citizens. 9.00 Cocktail Up. 9.30 Chaos (R). 9.45 Piano Recital: Felix Adrasse. 10.15 Folk Songs. 10.35 Nocturne. 11.00 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. 4.00 p.m. Works by Handel (R). 4.45 Message to Immigrants. 5.00 Programme for Youngsters. 5.30 Talk. 5.50 Music (R). 6.15 Close Down.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (31.5, 41.9 & 480 M.): French: 6.30 p.m. Ladino: 7.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA: (31.5 M.): 11.15 Lighting of Hanukka Candles. News: 11.30 "Gan-Gani".

ARMY PROGRAMMES: (44.6, 214, 225 & 279 M.): 6.50 Opening. 6.55 Lighting of Hanukka Candles. 6.58 Ballad. 7.00 Requests. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Hanukka Programme. 8.00 Melodies. 8.30 News. 8.45 Symphony Concert: Symphony No. 109 (Haydn); Concerto No. 2 (Chopin). 10.00 Close Down.

VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programmes: 5-6.30 p.m. (11, 16, 19, 25 M.); Agriculture Today.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (31.91 & 30.53 M.): 4.30-7.00 p.m. News Home Talk. Musical Interlude. Review of the weekly British Press.

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	A	B	C	D
Ein Gev	32	4	22	16
Safed	31	7	22	16
Tiberias	31	11	23	15
Nahariya	31	12	17	13
Tel Aviv Port	27	13	21	15
Lydda	29	9	25	12
Jerusalem	27	7	16	12
Beersheba	—	—	—	12
Eilat	—	—	—	18

FORECAST: Partly cloudy at first, fair later.

(A) Humidity at 2 p.m. (B) Maximum temp. (C) Minim. yesterday. (D) Minim.

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THE SEASON'S FIRST BANANA shipment, 60 tons from Ethiopia via Aden (West Gaitee), left for Europe in the s.s. Arina yesterday. More will be exported later this month to the U.S.S.R. and Finland.

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A NEW CLUB for servicemen has been opened in Rehov Ben Yehuda in Jerusalem. A restaurant, a library and a powder room for Chen are some of the services that the club will offer.

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THE SOLDIERS' Welfare Committee is to open an Artillery Men's Club at 12 Rehov Mahalleb, Haifa at 6 p.m. tomorrow.

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FOR SELLING a bread roll with a mouse inside it, Shmuel Grinshpan, baker of Kfar Saloman, was sentenced yesterday to 10 days' imprisonment, or made to pay a fine of IL.50 by the Tel Aviv Anti-Profiteering Court.

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118 EMIGRANTS left Israel in the s.s. Artemis yesterday, most of them for the U.S. and Canada.

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TWO CAMERAS and several documentary films owned by the Histadrut Executive were stolen from a parked car near one of the settlements in the Negev yesterday. Trucks led to the border.

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SOME OF THE THIEVES who broke into the Elite factory on the Jaffa-Tel Aviv road recently and stole large quantities of sweets were detained yesterday when police apprehended several street vendors who were selling the stolen goods.

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FOUR GOATS, two horses, two mules and a cow were stolen on Friday and Saturday nights from southern settlements. In all cases tracks led across the border.

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SEVEN SACKS of sugar and groceries were stolen from a consumers' cooperative at 47 Rehov Yehuda Maccabi, Tel Aviv, on Saturday night. Money and Yahrzeit candles to the value of IL.1,000 were stolen the same night from Mr. A. Shlobman's flat when thieves broke in by raising a window shutter.

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THE BET DAGON-Yabud Road will be closed to traffic as from tomorrow owing to repairs to the Yehezkel bridge.

More Contributors To Toy Fund

Following is to latest list of donors to The POST-Na'amat Home Aid Society Toy Drive:

IL.25 — Staff of Forfiture & Chemicals, Haifa.
IL.20 — Sefel Beach, Haifa.
IL.25 — Edith Goldschmidt, Tel Aviv.
IL.15 — Staff of "Yediot" & "Zion" Insurance Co., Tel Aviv; "Yair" Insurance Co., Tel Aviv; Consolidated Mines, Tnai Co., Haifa.
IL.14.500 — Staff of Palestine Cen Co., Tel Aviv.
IL.10 — Holland Bank Union, Amsterdam, bank hour Haifa: Mrs. Wiles, Kiryat Haifa; Dunlop Ltd., Dr. S. Degani, both from Tel Aviv; Yosef Michael & Son, Jerusalem.
IL.5 — Staff of "Phoenix" Haifa.
IL.4 — Shoshana, Judy & Dan, Jerusalem; Linea Syrkin, Tel Aviv.
IL.3 — Inst. House & Trst. Independence, Haifa; Dr. O.F., Union des Juifs d'Egypte in memory of late President Weizmann, "Two members USA Embassy," all from Tel Aviv; Two Grandmothers, Jerusalem; C.K., Greetings, Aroeti Children, Haifa.
IL.2 — Mrs. Markowitz, Kiryat Haifa.
IL.1.500 — Syrian Philanthropic (15 months), Tel Aviv.
IL.1.250 — N.N., Haifa.
IL.1 — Mr. & Mrs. H. Cohen, G. Berger, Milano Espresso, Tantur, Tel Aviv; Amos, Secretary, Aviva Bus, Edmond B.I.F.C., Sarah Bentz, Dr. Malki Perets, Jerusalem.
IL.2.500 Mrs. Miller Church of Scotland, Pupil of Talpiot School, John Bird at "Shell" Oil Co., Haifa.
IL.2 — Mrs. Yerkoni, Mrs. Hauber, Kiryat Haifa; Mrs. Greenfeld, Kiryat Moshav Bnei & Mickey Mafia, Anonymous, Children Committee, Hadar Wiener, Tel Aviv; David Zeidl, Rechia & Rafi Peleg, Michael Ben Gallo, Dr. Levinsohn for her granddaughter, Israel, Richard Weiss, Olga & Tamar Gorel, all from Jerusalem.
IL.1.412 — Mr. Dunes Club.
IL.1.000 — N.N., Michael Wiesenberg (5 years), Tel Aviv; Anonymous, Lily Marks, Jerusalem.
IL.1 — Otar, I.B., R.S., Dudu Levy, Zahava & Rachel, Miriyam & Rivka Seigel, Anonymous, Michael Weiss, Anonymous, Ariel Angel, Michael Stadel, Gustav Simonson, Ilyssa, all from Jerusalem; Dr. Uzan, Haifa; Mrs. Rosenzweig, Mrs. Flegel, Kiryat Haifa; Mr. & Mrs. Ben Mayer, Bnei Brak; Yuval, Eretra Joseph, Dr. Glueckson, Dr. Marks, Haifa; Dr. N. Ben Nathan, N.N.; Ada Rapaport, Peter Pelivka (pupil of Talpiot School), Dalid, N.N., Hanna Landau, all from Tel Aviv.
IL.0.500 — Sara Eckstein, Jerusalem; Anonymous, Haifa; Michael Shoh, Tel Aviv.

2,500 ASK TO CROSS LINES FOR X'MAS

More than 2,500 applications have been filed by Christians in Israel who want to visit the Old City of Jerusalem and Bethlehem for Christmas.

The list has been transferred to the Jordan authorities for approval. Mandelbaum Gate will be kept open throughout Christmas night so that those with permission to cross can do so at their own time.

It is also hoped that all diplomatic representatives in Israel and Jordan will be able to use the direct road from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, the traditional route. In previous years, only diplomats and Consular representatives permanently stationed in Jerusalem were allowed to do so.

RATION NEWS

TEL AVIV DISTRICT: — Eggs: 2, Heh 13, issues 1, 5, 11, 12; for invalids, 4, Bet Aleph 2; 3, Het Bet 11; 8, Het Gimel 12. Butter for invalids: 100 grams for Bet Aleph 3, Bet Bet 11, Bet Gimel 12. Sugar: 1,100 grams for Bet, Gimel, Dalet, Heh; additional 250 grams for Aleph, Aleph 14. Tea and Coffee: 100 grams tea or 125 grams coffee, or 50 grams tea and 62 grams coffee, Lamed 27, Lamed 28. Corn-flour: 625 grams for Aleph, price, 225 pr. Margarine: 625 grams for Gimel, Dalet, Heh; 250 grams for Aleph and Bet with an addition of 100 grams imported butter; the first distribution of 250 grams and 225 grams has begun.

Courtesy Campaign Begun in Haifa

Jerusalem POST Bureau

HAIFA, Sunday.—Haifa is to be a model of courtesy 365 days a year under a programme initiated by the Municipality that went into effect today. Mayor A. Khoushy told the press here that civil servants, Histadrut officials, bus and taxi drivers, employees in shops, hotels, and restaurants, and others catering to the public would be asked to help make life easier and more pleasant by being more courteous. The public, he hoped, would reciprocate.

He was negotiating with school principals to put lessons in civility and civic duty in the curriculum, the Mayor said; IL.6,000 has been allocated by the Council for the purpose.

To implement the plan, a 71-member council has been formed comprised of representatives of public institutions and workers' committees, drivers, employees of shops and offices, the catering trade, and newspaper men. Subcommittees would deal with special aspects of the plan.

This week would be started with a slogan competition, the Mayor said.

Haifa to Honour Mothers Today

HAIFA, Sunday.—Haifa will observe its second Mothers' Day tomorrow. The Day was marked for the first time last year when the Mayor opened the Mothers' Garden on Mt. Carmel.

This year the Day will begin with a radio broadcast by Mrs. Beba Idelson, M.K., and Mrs. Hanna Rovina, of Habimah, at 7.15 a.m. Later in the morning, delegates of women's organizations will visit mothers in the town's maternity homes with gifts. About 2,000 children will plant saplings in honour of their mothers in the J.N.F. Mothers Forest, and pupils will hold a street collection which is to pay for the planting of more trees. Babies born on last year's Mothers' Day will get birthday letters from the Mayor and the J.N.F.

At 11 a.m. the Mayor will hold a reception for Haifa's mothers at the Town Hall, and children's drawings and handicraft work prepared for the occasion will be on show there. At the cinemas free afternoon shows will be given to mothers, and appropriate gifts will be displayed in show windows.

Shimshon Power Plant Given First Tests

The Shimshon cement factory's power plant at Hartuv was tested for the first time yesterday when varying amounts of current were sent over the recently-completed high tension line to Jerusalem.

The tests are expected to continue for a few more days to determine the condition of the line and the transformers. A company engineer from England is expected to arrive today to make a study of the results.

A regular amount of electricity is expected to be supplied by the end of the week if all the equipment continues to operate properly.

S. American Jewry Fearful of Future

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM).—Although the Jews of Latin America are at present well off, both politically and financially, they are afraid of what may come tomorrow, Dr. A. Tartakower, of the World Jewish Congress, told the press here today upon his return from an extended visit to South America. Governments of most of the states on that continent were dictatorships, at present friendly to the Jews, but there was no guarantee that this attitude would not change, the speaker reported.

Many of the Governments were also engaged in taking over imports and exports, in which Jews were largely concerned, and there was thus a tendency on the part of the Jews to see their financial future as insecure.

Farm Bank Establishes 20 Scholarships at H.U.

Twenty scholarships valued at IL.50 each have been set up for agricultural students at the Hebrew University by the Israel Bank of Agriculture, Ltd. About 130 students are now enrolled in the Faculty of Agriculture.

The Supervisory Committee of the Geula Secondary School of Tel Aviv has set up four annual scholarships for former students of the school now attending the Hebrew University. Two of the scholarships will be in memory of the Hebrew writer Asher Barash, a founder of the school, and two in memory of Dr. Mordecai Enov Braude, a pioneer of Hebrew education in the Diaspora. The grant for 1952-53 amounts to IL.400.

A new student at the University, 17-year-old David Har, was awarded a scholarship in the name of Rabbi Moshe Yitzhak Cohen, a veteran Zionist leader in South America. The winner received the scholarship for work in Hebrew literature and Talmud.

The IL.250 scholarship, donated last year to the Technical High School and the Haifa Nautical School by Mr. Sam Sacks, in memory of his late son Baruch Sacks, has been renewed this year by Mr. Sacks. The scholarship will be made available to students of the two schools.

The Modi'in Torch

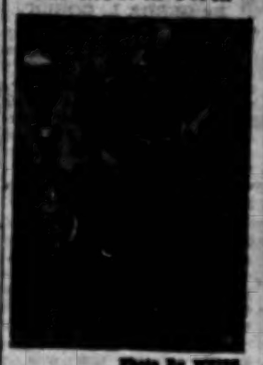

Photo By WEISS

President Ben-Zvi holding the Hanukkia torch kindled at Modi'in and brought to Jerusalem by runners on Friday. After a brief ceremony, the President handed the torch to a Ministry for Religious Affairs' representative who took it on the last lap to Mt. Zion.

TYRE THIEVES FIRE AT POLICE OFFICER

Four unidentified persons opened fire early yesterday morning on Police Sergeant Shalom Efrati in the Bukharian quarter of Jerusalem when he apprehended them as they were removing tyres from an automobile in Rehov Nehemia. He was not hit.

The attackers fled across the Spitzer school grounds, and their tracks were obliterated by the rain. *(ITIM).*

A TRADITION

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITIM). — "We were only playing with the traditional Hanukkia top," said the youths who were caught by police while playing "dice" in a Jaffa gate land alight.

They were dismissed and later released in bond.

Young Mother Must Go To Jail Immediately

The Jerusalem District Court yesterday overruled a Magistrate's Court decision to postpone for two years the enforcement of a one month prison term. The guilty person, Hanna Amsraf, 21, is the mother of young children. She was convicted of having attacked policemen who came to arrest her husband.

The District Court declared that it understood the Magistrate's motivation, but pointed out that the law did not permit him to decide as he did. Mrs. Amsraf is to be imprisoned immediately, according to the District Court judgment.

The Court was composed of Judges Tousia-Cohen, Goulan and Eden.

Court Told Man Waits 4 Months for Visa

Mr. H. Haliskowsky, a clerk of Tel Aviv, yesterday said in the High Court that he had applied for an exit visa four months ago and has not yet received a reply.

The Court issued the applicant an order calling on the Minister of Interior to show cause why he should not reply and not issue Mr. Haliskowsky a visa.

The petitioner told the Court that he planned to visit his mother in Germany, who after leaving Israel two years ago to be recompensed for property, fell ill. Mr. Haliskowsky said that she needed his help.

The Court was composed of Justices Cheshin, Assaf and Silberg. Dr. L. Adlerstein represented the petitioner.

J'lem Court Clearing Backlog of Cases

Because of streamlined procedure, the Jerusalem District Court expects to eliminate its backlog of civil and criminal appeals by the end of January, *The Post* learned yesterday.

In the future, it will take from four to eight weeks to have an appeal heard. Now the average time is half a year. In exceptional cases, the appeal will be heard within a few days.

SUIT POSTPONED

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — As Prime Minister David Ben Gurion did not appear at the Magistrate's Court here this morning and did not send a representative the hearing of the civil suit against him and members of his family was postponed till January 15. The suit concerns a dispute over an inheritance in which Mr. Ben Gurion is one of the respondents.

Shitarsky Sent to Jail For 21 Months

Jerusalem POST Bureau

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Dov Shitarsky was today sentenced to 21 months' imprisonment for carrying a time bomb in building number 19 of the Foreign Ministry compound at Hakirya on October 5.

For good behaviour Shitarsky could be released in a year. He has already been in prison for over two months awaiting trial. Judge M. Kenaet, who heard the case, recommended special treatment in the new Ramla prisoners' camp, including frequent visits by his family.

"While in the Diaspora, Dov Shitarsky gave the best years of his life for his people. Their concern over their existence was often his in peace and war. He endangered his life for them in underground movements. He witnessed the murder of Jews because they were Jews and his heart was filled with the love of Zion," Judge Kenaet said before pronouncing sentence.

Opportunity Available

He went on to say that the accused was given every opportunity to voice his objections against the reparations agreement talks with Germany, just as others did, but when the Knesset approved the agreement none could attack it without hurting the sovereignty of that institution, the unity of the nation, and the authority of the law.

The Judge said he could not accept the Defence's version that Shitarsky did not try to deposit the bomb, but intended merely to attract attention. There was no supporting evidence for this, he asserted.

He did not believe the defence claim that the bomb was not primed, as he had no reason to doubt the evidence of the police. There was no evidence that the accused had informed the police about his intended action since, if that was true, Shitarsky could have retained the necessary evidence to explain his action.

In addition to breaking the law by carrying the explosives, the accused had also acted against the law in pledging himself to act against the reparations agreement, as he himself had admitted, the Judge said. The Court took into consideration Shitarsky's motives, which were the background of the deed from Shitarsky's point of view; the accused's vague concepts as to his duty as a citizen; his good and brilliant past, and his impeccable Army service.

'Stein Was Insane On Day of Shootings'

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM).—Peter Stein, the 21-year-old soldier who is charged with the murder of three persons and attempted murder of six others, was insane on the day he committed the alleged acts, according to the testimony of Dr. R. Meir, Director of the Be'er Ya'acov Mental Home, in the hearing before the District Court here today.

Dr. Meir submitted a written statement to the Court that documents in his possession proved that the accused's father, sister, his maternal aunt and paternal uncle all suffered from mental instability. Stein's parents separated when he was a child and the boy hated his father violently. His foster-father maltreated him, the statement said.

A physical examination of the accused and X-rays of his skull showed him to be normal, but he exhibited emotional abnormality and lack of responsiveness.

The accused testified clearly and unhesitatingly that he remembered nothing of the shooting "attributed to him" in Kfar Bitzaron last December 20. He described his "clouded state of mind" when he left his military camp and wandered about aimlessly.

The hearing will be resumed on Tuesday.

Israel Bond Salesmen Knock on Doors

Tens of thousands of volunteer salesmen for State of Israel Bonds yesterday knocked on doors in dozens of major and smaller communities throughout the U.S. in line with the national observance of "Bonds of the Israel Government Day."

Highlighting the arrangements for the Day were messages from Israel's leaders down to the U.S. last week for re-recording and channelling into meetings of volunteer workers.

Dizengoff Official Arrives in Canada

HALIFAX, (Nova Scotia) Sunday (UP). — Mr. David Snedin, vice-president of M. Dizengoff and Co. Ltd., owners of the freighter Abraham Granta, arrived here last night to clear up the mystery that surrounds events on the Israel vessel.

Mr. Snedin told a press conference that the trouble arose out of a dispute between the owners and the master "on maritime procedure."

The 'Abraham Granta' is expected here at midnight and is due to return to Israel early next week after loading up.

Adan Granta was taken off his ship last Thursday after he suffered a nervous breakdown.

Israel Studying Legality Of Granta's Action

Jerusalem POST Reporter

The Ministry of Communications is now studying whether Adan Granta violated Israel statutes or international navigation laws or usages while commanding the s.s. Abraham Granta, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

It is believed that he did not violate any law by acting as captain of the ship, despite the fact that his captain's ticket was not recognized by the Government. The law states that no ship may leave port unless its captain is recognized by the authorities, but the s.s. Abraham Granta left Haifa commanded by an Italian captain, and only in a Turkish port did Adan Granta take over as master of the ship. There is no law enabling local authorities to take action regarding the charter, when the vessel is outside Israel's territorial waters.

According to international custom, the authorities at a foreign port refuse permission of departure for a ship if her papers, or the papers of her commanders, are not properly approved by the authorities of the flag of the ship. If the authorities do not refuse permission of departure, the captain of the ship is not guilty of any violation for leaving the port.

Lighting Under Study By Technion Engineers

HAIFA, Sunday. — Questions on the use of lighting in health, climate, architecture, technology and traffic are the subjects of a study meeting held here by the Technion and the Association of Engineers and Architects.

The meeting — opened by Mayor Khousky, Professors E. Ratner and A. Cassuto of the Technion, and Mr. U. Shalon, Engineer, plunged at once into its schedule of lectures, beginning with one by Dr. I. Michaelson on the "Influence of Radiation on the Texture of the Eye," and Dr. M. Lindman on "Physics of Sight."

SHIPS — The U.S. Navy has signed contracts for 200m. with an Italian concern, Franconavire, for construction of small naval vessels. They will be built in two Italian shipyards over a three-year period. There is an earlier U.S.-Italian contract for 350m. for ships and harbour craft.

Saudi Arabia Stops Imports from Cyprus

By Shaba Gasbarilla-
POST Correspondent

NEGOMIA, Sunday.—Saudi Arabia has banned all imports from Cyprus as from December 7, it was understood here today. It is believed that this move has a political character and although Saudi Arabia has officially given no reasons, informed quarters believe that the decision was dictated by the Israel Boycott Committee of the Arab League. It is supposed to be a protest against the close trade relations existing between Cyprus and Israel and it may be followed by similar steps by other Arab countries.

Saudi Arabia's imports from Cyprus totalled £94,000 last year, but during the ten months of this year, they increased to £95,000. They chiefly consist of citrus and gypsum.

The Government here is understood to be making representations through London.

FEWER PERSONS WORKLESS

The number of workless dropped by 200 during the week ending December 8, it was announced yesterday. A total of 15,000 persons were jobless during that week. Haifa remained the worst hit town, with 2,125 unemployed; Tel Aviv-Jaffa had 1,300 out of jobs, and Jerusalem 1,382.

Bnei Brak Asks Gov't To Pay Teachers

RAMAT GAN, Sunday.—Rabbi Yitzhak Gershenkorn, the Mayor of Bnei Brak, said today that it was up to the Government to settle the teachers' strike in his town by paying their salaries. If the strike ends now it is bound to break out again shortly as the Municipality cannot pay for its education system, he told the press today.

Referring to the recent stoppage of Bnei Brak's sewage works, the Mayor said that the Government had allocated IL.30,000 for the project, which, it demanded, should provide for 2,500 working days. As the job was being done mainly by heavy machinery, only 400 working days could be provided with the result that the local labour exchange refused to supply any workers.

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Iraq Cabinet Plans January Election

BAGHDAD, Sunday (Reuter). —Nuri e-Din Mahmoud's government has begun examining a new electoral draft law as a preliminary to the general election in Iraq next month.

In a broadcast last night, General Mahmoud thanked the nation for its full cooperation with the armed forces maintaining peace and order during and after the recent disorders here.

He also thanked the Army for safeguarding the lives and property of their fellow countrymen and announced the complete withdrawal of Army patrol units and armoured cars.

Kenya Indians' Faith In Tories 'Shaken'

NAIROBI, Sunday (Reuter). — The Kenya Indian Congress said here today that the faith of Asians and Africans in the good intentions of the British Conservative Party towards political evolution in Kenya has been shaken.

A statement issued by the Congress said it was greatly disappointed that Britain had postponed consideration on the constitutional development of the colony, and that a change in the European approach to the legitimate aspirations of Africans and Asians was urgently needed.

The Congress stressed that innocent people should not become victims of punishment meant for the guilty. It said there was a danger of indiscriminate punishment having a bad effect on the people as a whole, and of swelling the ranks of the terrorists.

The statement reiterated its strong opposition to violence in any shape or form as an instrument to achieve political or economic ends.

Cables in Brief

LEBANON.—The head of the U.S. Navy's second group, Admiral Carney, the USS Saratoga, will be host at Brooklyn, N.Y. tomorrow. He is a visitor to the Lebanese capital on a courtesy call. Sergeant said with other officers, Rear, will carry more than 200 bombs, guns and will be able to remain off Beirut.

TERRAT.—A meeting of 250 London transport workers, convened by Union chiefs as unofficial deadline on Saturday to declare a strike in January if the government does not withdraw its bill to denationalize road transport.

DIE TO DIE.—A 17-year-old girl, Helen Cooke of Brooklyn, Connecticut, was severely burned a few days ago when her nightdress caught fire from an electric heater. She died yesterday.

ARREST.—Heinrich Schwindhofer, manager of the Handelsbank Immobilien Co., one of Austria's largest real estate firms, was arrested on Saturday by the Soviet occupation authorities. No reason was given.

SPEED.—Jean Marie Audibert, 44, a French sports journalist, flew into Paris yesterday having broken the round-the-world record for travel by commercial air lines. His time was four days, 19 hours, 24 minutes, half an hour less than the previous record set by an American in 1949.

AIR BASE.—A new airfield at Orly-Tremplin, France, near the Seine, has been handed over to the Royal Canadian Air Force.

POPE.—The Pope received in private audience this morning Monsignor Gustavo Testa, Apostolic delegate to Jerusalem and Palestine. Att Fereol Hazel presented his credentials to the Pope as the new Egyptian Ambassador to the Holy See.

ASSURED. — President Rajendra Prasad of India yesterday assured Gen. Chatalaine in New Delhi that they are as free as the rest of their countrymen to preach and practise their faith and develop their culture. He was presiding at the 150th anniversary celebrating the arrival in India of Saint Thomas.

Matron Loses Balance Over Indian Ocean

JOHANNESBURG, Sunday (Reuter). — Air stewards and the hostess held a passenger down in her seat through the night over the Indian Ocean to prevent her rushing up and down the aisle in a fit of mental unbalance, South African Airways disclosed here today.

The woman, a middle-aged former hospital matron, was on her way home to England after working in Australian hospitals.

THE MANUFACTURERS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1951

INCOME ACCOUNT

Income:		Disposition of Income:	
Insurance and annuity premiums	$97,489,322	Death claims	$9,329,569
Amounts deposited for payment of future premiums	1,295,903	Matured policies, surrender values, annuities etc.	13,897,267
Interest and dividends	17,849,610	Dividends to policyholders	3,037,171
Policy proceeds left on deposit and other receipts	5,573,834	Additions to policy reserve funds necessary to provide for future payments to policyholders and beneficiaries	22,894,017
		Amounts on deposit withdrawn and other disbursements	5,566,857
		Amount credited, after taxes, to shareholders' fund	363,144
		Additions to company retirement plans	399,727
		Commissions	4,780,415
		Operating expenses	7,534,085
		Government and municipal taxes	1,271,049
		Adjustment in value, less net profit from sale or maturity, of assets	1,168,883
		Increase in contingency reserve	800,000
		Increase in surplus	1,607,616
	$ 82,178,559		$ 82,178,559

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1951

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Policy and annuity reserves	$308,826,119	Bonds	$317,962,090
Death and disability claims awaiting proof	3,360,383	Preferred and common stocks	43,563,231
Provision for unreported death and disability claims	825,000	First mortgages on real estate	85,332,081
Funds on deposit	26,117,013	Loans on the company's policies	26,229,398
Reserve for dividends to policyholders	4,068,914	Office premises, other real estate and sale agreements	5,686,153
Other liabilities to policyholders	3,747,986	Interest accrued but not due	2,872,884
Company retirement plans	6,031,541	Deferred and outstanding premiums	9,323,599
Government taxes accrued	615,779	Cash on hand and in banks	11,213,978
Sundry liabilities	3,304,690		
Shareholders' fund	2,634,826		
Contingency reserve	5,000,000		
Surplus	13,799,935		
	$443,783,826		$443,783,826

Note: Sterling and related currency items are converted into Canadian dollars at 3.82. United States dollar items are converted at $1.10 Canadian.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE POLICYHOLDERS AND SHAREHOLDERS

We have examined the balance sheet of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company as at December 31, 1951 and the income account for the year ended on that date and in addition have made tests of the transactions during the year. We have received all the information and explanations we have required.

We verified the investments in bonds and stocks and the cash in banks and on hand either by count or by certificates received from the depositories or custodians. The market values of the bonds and stocks at December 31, 1951, in our opinion, is in excess of the value at which these assets are carried in the balance sheet. Reserves and other liabilities under policy contracts are based on the amounts certified to by the company's actuary.

Subject to the foregoing, we report that in our opinion the above balance sheet and the related income account have been drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the company's affairs at December 31, 1951 and of the results of the operations for the year ended on that date, according to the best of our information, the explanations given to us and as shown by the books.

Toronto, Canada, January 14, 1952. CLARKSON, GORDON & Co., Chartered Accountants

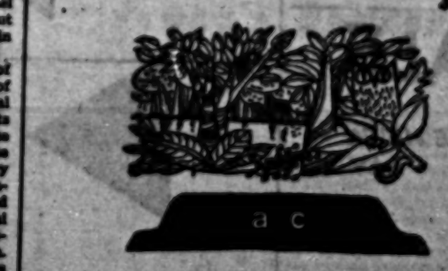
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1951
SHOWING RESULTS OF BUSINESS IN ISRAEL
(Converted to Israel currency on the basis of one Israel pound to $3.06 Canadian currency)

CREDIT:	IL.	DEBIT:	IL.
Profit, before payment of income and profits taxes, transferred from Life Insurance business	13,049,939	Income and profits taxes paid	5,180,339
		Profit transferred to the general funds of the company	7,869,600
	IL.13,049,939		IL.13,049,939

AUDITORS' REPORT

We report that the above summary showing the results of business in Israel of The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company for the year ended December 31, 1951 is in accordance with the accounts and returns from the branch of the company in Israel, these accounts and returns are incorporated in the financial statements of the company for the year ended December 31, 1951 on which we reported to the policyholders and shareholders under date of January 14, 1952.

Toronto, Canada, December 26, 1952. CLARKSON, GORDON & Co., Chartered Accountants



TREES, TREES, THE RIVER

and again: Trees and trees and the river with its shining silvery fish. Vast virgin forests were lying idle—for how many years? Nobody knows exactly for what length of time. However, it occurred to some one that the power of water transformed into millions of kWh per annum would provide work, i.e. a living for many of their fellow-men. Then a pity was born amidst large of the virgin forests

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THE Mapam conference convened last Thursday has been interrupted for several days in a last minute attempt to prevent a split in the party. The issues are clear cut, and a decision cannot be postponed indefinitely.

MAPAM AND MAKI

The Cominform has declared war on Zionism, not on "reactionary and right-wing Zionism," but on the Jewish national movement altogether. Mapam has an opportunist wing headed by Sneh and Riftin, basing itself mainly on former Hashomer Hatzair members in the towns, who wish to go the whole hog towards a merger with the Communist party and therefore fully identify themselves with what has been said in Prague about Zionism, about the Jews, about Israel's leaders and about Mordecai Oren. This wing of the party has made some headway during the last year or so and it had temporarily won supremacy within Hashomer Hatzair over such old timers as Y. Hazan and M. Ya'ari. It is now on the decline, not for any lack of internal consistency, but because it has become all too obvious that Messrs. Sneh and Riftin do not themselves believe in what they profess publicly (including their reaction to the Prague trial).

Another wing of Mapam consists mainly of L'Ahdut Ha'avoda and "Poalei Tzion". Their leaders demanded at the recent conference that the Prague trial and the new Cominform line should be condemned in unambiguous terms and that the leaders of the opportunist anti-Zionist faction should be ousted from all central positions in the Party. They have gained an initial victory in keeping the Sneh-Riftin faction off the conferences standing committees.

The big question mark is the attitude of "Hashomer Hatzair" which has so far denied even the possibility of a contradiction between the interests of the Jewish people and what they call "the world of progress." For some time now, a considerable part of "Hashomer Hatzair" has collaborated with Sneh's opportunists, but the Prague trial has palpably shocked them (though they do not admit it in public) and the old Party leaders have again prevailed over those who stand for the merger of Mapam with the local Communists.

The outcome of the present struggle is difficult to predict: the Sneh-Riftin wing might temporarily compromise, on the assumption that the Prague trial will soon be forgotten and the initiative again pass into their hands. But they must know, clever tacticians as they are, that the new Cominform line is no mere transient phenomenon, and that more and perhaps worse shocks may be in store for Mapam. "L'Ahdut Ha'avoda," on the other hand, refuses to compromise as it knows that if a split has really become inevitable, now is the time for the operation. In that case it would merely be the first of a series of splits, because most of "Hashomer Hatzair" would either leave or be ousted from a party dominated by Sneh and the local Communists.

The situation within Maki is less complicated. That party has swallowed the trial hook, line and sinker. They cannot surely believe in the official version, but Party discipline compels Mikunis and the rest to express their "gratitude to Prague for opening their eyes to the real nature of Israel's elected leaders." Up to now they have merely attacked Zionism and Israel in articles and speeches, but they will soon have to progress from words to action. The Maki attitude is of little ideological interest, but it now becomes of interest to the authorities responsible for internal and external security. This does not mean that the Party should be banned. That would perhaps retard its decline, which has otherwise become inevitable. There are other ways and means of preventing activities detrimental to the interest of the State, and they will have to be taken to defend Israeli democracy against its enemies.

Qualifications of Arab Teachers Still Low

Only 73 Arab teachers, less than 10 per cent of the 765 engaged in the profession, are qualified, Mr. A. Cohen told the Council for Arab Education which met, in Jaffa recently.

The unqualified teachers include about 300 who were hired on a temporary basis, because they completed less than 10 classes of formal schooling.

Of more than 13,000 Hebrew teachers, only 73 completed less than 10 classes, Mr. Cohen said. He called for a joint committee of representatives from the Ministry of Education and the organization of Arab teachers to tackle the problem of raising the standards of the Arab teachers.

RISING CASUALTIES IN STATIC ARTILLERY DUELS

'OLD-FASHIONED' WARFARE IN KOREA

By PATRICK O'DONOVAN

SEOUL. —

THE tempo of the war has quickened in Korea in the last few weeks. Casualty figures and ammunition returns have risen remarkably, yet fundamentally conditions have remained unchanged for a year. There have been so many vicious little actions, so many reports of defeats and victories on hills that were named only the other day, that the actual shape of the war tends to be obscured. Yet no position of importance has changed hands since last November and the real strength of the two locked armies has not been tested in total battle. There seems little chance of such a test at present and the stalemate seems almost unbreakable.

The line was established across the Korean peninsula last November. It was largely of United Nations selection and it follows a logical though elaborate system of rivers and valleys. If you fly over the battlefield, the difference between the two sides is striking.

Battlefield Contrasts

Simply because the United Nations have absolute air superiority over the battlefield, their area behind the fighting looks almost old-fashioned. There is apparently no attempt at concealment. There are innumerable semi-permanent camps; tented and hutted, marked with unit signs and dignified with flagstaffs standing in rings of whitened stones. The roads are alive with convoys and darting jeeps. It is arranged with the confident carelessness we associate with the later stages of a successful war.

On the Chinese side there is no movement and no sign of military preparation unless you interpret the scars on the hills and the wavering lines leading away from the front which are the evidence of their digging. It might be a battlefield abandoned a year ago.

Both sides have used the static period to construct massive earthern defences. But the Communists have been forced to dig more deeply and elaborately. Some of their defence positions extend 30 kms. in depth. They have honeycombed the hills with tunnels and store caves. Guns are trundled to the surface to shoot and then are taken to safety underground. Some of these caves can be touched only by a direct hit with a 500-lb. bomb on their entrance and even then men and materials may escape unhurt. Such positions are kept supplied by thousands of coolies who walk, like a march of ants, each with a shell or a case of ammunition on his back up the long communication trench.

THE BAROMETER OF BATTLE. This enormous pile of shell casings in the salvage yards of the U.N. forces in Korea is evidence of some of the heaviest fighting on the Korean front. Express photo

Trench Raiding

In almost every way, then, the shape of the fighting comes closer to that of the 1914 than to the 1939 war. This means high casualties for small results. Much of the fighting has really been trench raiding—largely uphill—and vicious contests for points of observation that have at least to be denied to the enemy. Typical of this was the recent Chinese raid on an advanced position held by a company of the Black Watch. In this sort of raiding the Chinese have chosen to take the initiative, perhaps to remind us that we are still negotiating with military equals. Sometimes the United Nations are virtually compelled to launch an attack because the Chinese have absorbed some unoccupied hill, and, from an observation point, turned it into a strong point, riddled it with tunnels and filled it with men.

In this sort of fighting, artillery causes well over half the casualties. The Chinese have now about twice as many pieces to dispose of as the United Nations, and U.N. front-line troops have considerable respect for their efficiency. Almost all the Chinese shooting, however, is directly observed and at visible targets. It is done to a careful and often repetitive plan. It is accurate and heavy. But there is surprisingly little fire laid down on U.N. close communications or on the encampments behind the hills. But if the fighting were ever again to break away from these rigid lines and become fluid, then it is very doubtful if the Chinese artillery would be effective. they lack the elaborate communications system and the training that makes the United Nations—and more particularly the British—gunnery pre-eminent.

At present the Chinese use intelligently exploitable shells and considerable quant, which is man-power. Dreary soldiers do not exist; more efficient ones do. They display a abnormal indifference to death, will advance among their own exploding shells, will be grenaded as if they were no more dangerous than cloth caps. Before attacking the U.N. usually lay down a killing barrage of H.E. and napalm on their objective. Nothing much on the surface lives after it. But when the assaulting troops arrive they have still to fight the Chinese who stems out of their rock fortresses, and there is the murderous and hand to hand grenade battles of which U.N. are at least the equals of the Chinese. And when it is over, the strategic position remains unchanged.

'Tennis Match'

A direct assault on either of these fortress lines would produce casualty lists reminiscent of the Somme. Either side, if it were prepared to accept the cost, could make a deep dent in the other's position. Neither has probably the strength properly to exploit a break through—certainly not the United Nations, if only for lack of manpower.

But even if by some trick—atomic weapons or amphibious operations—the United Nations did crack the Chinese line, where do they go? Up again into ruined North Korea, surrounded by guerrillas, stopping again at the Yalu, deciding nothing? The American generals here are fighting a war as constricted and disciplined as a game of tennis. They have created a strategic situation out of which the politicians could if they wished produce peace or at least an armistice. But today it is not in their power to produce the sort of victory that would compel the enemy to sue for immediate peace simply because they could fight no longer.

This is the first of two articles on the Korea fighting. (OPEI)

Readers' Letters

WAGNER AND STRAUSS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — The controversy regarding the suggested inclusion of Wagner and Strauss in the I.P.O. programmes is producing an amazing crop of loose thinking. Your Tel Aviv music critic's latest comment is a case in point. He writes that the Orchestra will have to decide "whether they wish to play Wagner and Strauss, or whether they wish to continue following principles which led to the banning of Mendelssohn in Hitler's Germany".

I am not aware that there is any general ban on racial or national grounds on the playing of German music in this country. It is played freely in concerts and on the radio. Wagner and Strauss are in a category of their own. I presume that your music critic is not unaware that Wagner is the author of "Das Judentum in der Musik", one of the classics of 19th century anti-Semitism, and that in the "Bayreuther Blatter," the official organ of his school, a great deal of the vile anti-Semitic trash anticipated matter that subsequently graced Nazi literature. As for Strauss, though not perhaps an active anti-Semite, he may well be described as a "fellow traveller" of Nazism. He was a member of the Party and did not think it beneath him as a man and as an artist to compose a hymn in honour of Frank, the Nazi Governor-General of Poland, of notorious fame.

Does your music critic suggest that Mendelssohn indulged in the writing of vile anti-German pamphlets? If not, where is the parallel?

Yours etc.,
JUDAH COHEN

Jerusalem, December 7.

I am 13 years old and a stamp collector and like anything to do with nature. I have a tortoise, a rabbit, a cat and a chicken for pets. I would like to correspond with a boy pen-friend. Sheila Wilcox, 9 Bankside, James Lane, Waltham Downs, England.

KEEPING POSTED

ALTHOUGH there is noticeably less money around this year than for some time past, the indefatigable organisers of The POST Toy Fund have again been able to wind up their wearying two months with the knowledge that if there is never enough, it is better than nothing. Each year, together with the many who give more than they can reasonably spare, and the children who painfully sacrifice a favourite toy that is so battered that it can scarcely be used again, we were also assaulted by the people who object variously to toys, ma'barot, children and "charity," as a matter of principle.

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NOT the least hectic part of the campaign takes place during the last few days, when the harvest must be finally sorted, allocated and actually packed

up. The latter takes up most of the last evenings before Hanukka, and this year a member of the staff left the post-inauguration reception for the new President on Wednesday night to go back and pack the toys. He mentioned where he was hurrying off to, and Mrs. Ben Zvie said, rather regretfully, that she would have liked to come and help out. Instead, as her contribution, she piled two trays of sandwiches together, and sent them along to sustain The POST staff and volunteers at their midnight labours.

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WE hear that an elderly woman in Tel Aviv, who likes to look well ahead, decided one day to shop around for a cemetery plot. Her ancestors and husband were lying in peace in the now overcrowded cemetery in Rehov Trumpeldor, but this has become a very exclusive place indeed, and she did not feel that her circumstances permitted her to try and join her relations there. In her search for a resting place more appropriate to her means she first went to Nahlat Yitzhak, where she heard that the "key money" for an ordinary plot would cost her IL.3,000, and more if she wanted it in any particular location. It seemed a lot of money to pay, so she looked further. At Givat Shaul, finally, she managed to buy a plot for the not insignificant sum of IL.300. The pay-off came when she found she had to pay luxury tax of IL.6 on the deal.

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A HAIFA firm selling paints and varnishes writes that they have received a letter from the Adewumi Trading Company at Ibadan, Nigeria, offering to act as their agents. There seems to us a certain openness and directness of approach in this letter normally missing from commercial correspondence, and worthy of study. The letter, which gives the address of the Adewumi Co. as "Private Letter Bag," Ibadan, West Africa, runs in part:

We point out for you that our establishment is entirely of high class. We do not like to affiliate our house with embryo firms, and we do not know whether you are a firm with a great business volume, but we hope that you are one of the leading mercantile houses in your country, and that you are not spurious. You may send samples if you deem it necessary.

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WE chanced into a Jerusalem flower shop the other day which also sells aquaria. The proprietor seemed rather agitated, and told us that a man had just come and asked to buy a fish. She started by offering him a gold fish, and when he asked to have one of the very small tropical ones instead she warned him that these pets had to be kept warm, and that they would certainly die if left in an unheated room in Jerusalem during a cold spell. Would the little fish stay alive until evening in an unheated room? She agreed that he probably would, the man made his purchase, put it in a jam-pot, and explained soberly that his small daughter was suffering from jaundice, and that he had been advised to let her swallow a live fish, which would then carry the disease away with it. We bought a packet of radish seed, promised not to put it in the soup instead of pearl barley, and left thinking that the fish were very small indeed, and probably couldn't do much harm even alive.

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A CORRESPONDENT writes that his wife has long been waging a cold war against his

stamp collection, with which he always clutters the table when she wants to lay supper. The other evening he was very absorbed in his Israel collection, and told her she would have to wait until he had finished with the (Mered Rishon) First Revolt and the Mered Sheni (Second Revolt) series. Oh no, she said, this is the Mered Shlishi, and swept the entire collection off the table.

Today's contributions include C. Pinkus and N.S. Haits, and A. Turnowsky, Jerusalem.

CENSORSHIP AND SENSATIONALISM

Cowboys Under the Counter

By GERDA L. COHEN

MY first article traced the impact of the Cold War on Israel's book-trade. It is worth noting that since June 1952 Israel retailers have ordered more books through the Mutual Security Act than any European country served by the scheme. More than a million dollars worth of books have already been contracted for in the U.S.

The two Israel distributors of foreign language publications are flourishing to a high measure of prosperity; circulations have leapt — "Time" from 1,000 to 3,000, "Life" from 800 to 1,000, while "Colliers" and the "Reader's Digest" top 5,000. One should compare this with a meagre 400 copies of the "New Statesman and Nation," the English leftist weekly, or the even smaller quota of French and Swiss journals. Considering that "Time" and "Life", sisters in the Luce cartel, have never been shy about displaying their antipathy towards Israel the public's attraction for these papers may seem strange.

Double Check

The International Media Guaranty Programme which has given relief to book-hungry Israel, states on the one hand that "no censorship" is involved, and on the other provides for a double check of catalogues submitted by U.S. firms before actual transaction. My first article endeavoured to show what type of literature the State Department considers worth an expenditure of public debt funds abroad; the broad principle being, to present "a well-rounded picture of American life." Besides their vetting in Washington, book-lists must also pass the scrutiny and approval of our own Government, thus giving us the chance to reject material not according to our taste — in principle. Readers who have not been obliged to penetrate the jungle of book-import-procedure will be surprised to learn that such a "scrutineer" — perhaps censor is the less euphemistic term — already exists. He sits in a tiny office of Hakirya, and wields an important blue-pencil. There was no report of his activities in the 1952 Government Year Book although — in principle — those activities are of some account. Arbitration in matters of aesthetic judgment is doubtful at best, and when power to arbitrate is vested in one person, likely to cause dissatisfaction. How did our venerable and retiring "scrutineer" come to hold such power?

The Treasury having allotted a very small amount of hard currency for book-imports, the Ministry of Education assumed responsibility for sharing out the sum, which was far below demand, and deciding what books should be given a passage to Israel. An official was therefore designated to weed out titles unsuitable (in his opinion,) for the Israel market. The official's imperfect knowledge of English, not to speak of his ignorance of the books beyond their catalogue appearance, must have led to some peculiar prohibitions; order for "Fun at Bed-time" was refused until the firm pointed out that it was a child's book of bed-time stories. Commercial common-sense soon found a way of getting round administrative folly. "Every month I send in the same order-form, duplicated in seven copies," a Jerusalem bookseller of repute told me, "and I then order what I want from the English publishers; the Ministry of Education is satisfied with their seven copies and I'm satisfied too." A silent agreement has been formulated whereby the odd sum for unspecified "sundry books" can be stretched to cover any purchases. No Ministry official examines literature at Haifa Port to see if it tallies with one of the seven order-forms.

Cheap Editions

That Jerusalem book-seller happened to specialize in belles-lettres and scientific works, which anyhow occupy 80 per cent of the total import, according to Ministry requirements. But wholesale distributors do not cater for students of abstruse 'ologies or University dons; a hundred murder-mysteries can be sold to one text-book. Before M.BA. loosed a cornucopia of cheap editions on Israel, there was no dearth of horror, Wild West, brutal crime and flaming sex in convenient pocket-size.

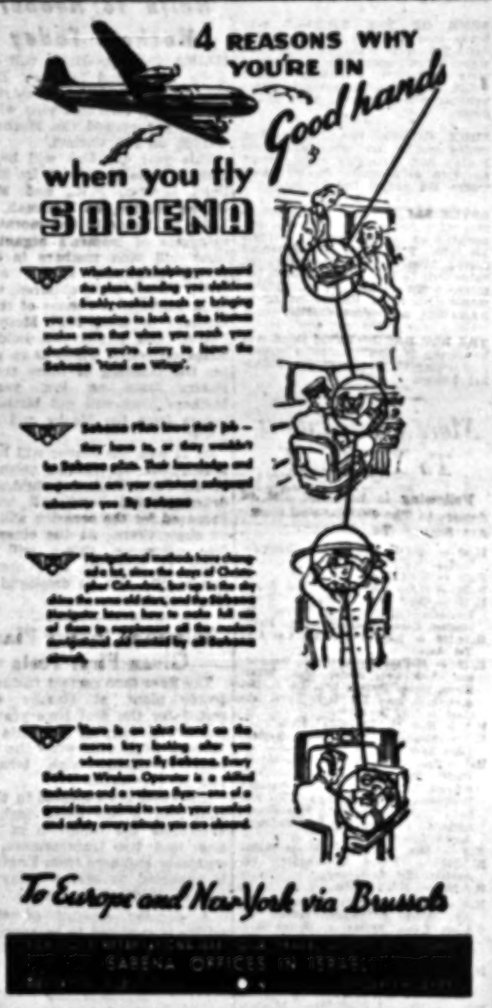
The stocks of trashy fiction which many book-stalls are now at pains to get rid of at a reduced price, arrived in Israel by devious ways: a good deal is included in "sundry books," and some — notably comics — were smuggled in by new immigrants. Non-payment imports — a category covering many queer transactions — also brought in a quantity of "True Confessions," pulp thrillers and snobbish mass-produced junk.

Sacred Censorship

In one department, however, the one-man censorship is boosted by the Ministry of Religious Affairs and publishers of sacred literature: a special committee has to sanction import of Hebrew books, and has so far refused licences for import through M.B.A. The quandary arose, whether to protect local publishers at the expense of the public, or vice versa, to allow an influx of Hebrew works which cannot be bought here. A Talmud printed in America costs IL.40, whereas the same 16 volume definitive edition, as published in Bat Yam from photostat plates of the Vilna edition, has risen in price from IL.50 to IL.200.

A survey of 300 Yeshiva students in Jerusalem revealed that they had five copies of the Talmud between them; orders for about 800 copies of the American IL.40 Talmud have been submitted, from Christian theologians, University students and Yeshivot. The committee should deliberate once again.

This is the second of a series of three articles on the book-trade. The first appeared on December 1.



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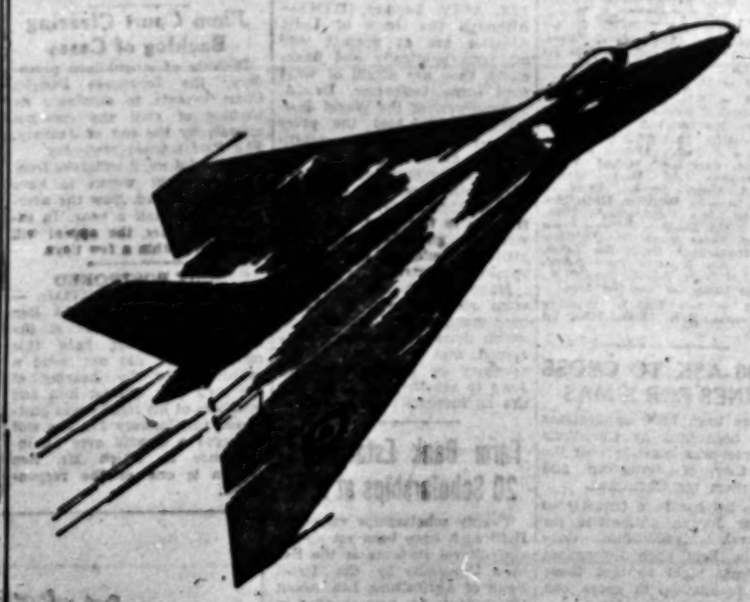

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